

USSR

Reference: 3/PPDT/T69

MUSE (2940)

From: LONDON

To: MOSCOW

No: 949

27th Aug. 40

To DIRECTOR.

MUSE [MUZA][i] will listen out for V's [ii] on Thursday in accordance with the schedule. She has asked for 50-group material transmitted slowly [iii]. We shall transmit to you on Friday. Inform [1 group unidentified] her operating schedule for several months. Which code is to be used weekly? [iv].

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BARCH [v]

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Comments: ✓ [i] MUSE: Unidentified covername. See also MOSCOW's Nos. 5264 (internal) of 30th August 1940, 5839 (internal) of 18th September 1940 and 479 of 20th September 1940; and LONDON's Nos. 767 of 15th July 1940, 816 of 26th July 1940, 865 of 10th August 1940, 876 of 13th August 1940, 987 of 6th September 1940, 1107 of 3rd October 1940, 1321 of 25th November 1940 (3/NSW/T1618) and 2035 of 31st July 1941 (3/NSW/T1619).

[ii] V's: a radio tuning signal.

[iii] The reason for this request is presumably that MUSE was an inexperienced operator. It is not clear whether the material was to be practice messages 50 groups long or "live" messages split into 50-group parts.

[iv] For the reply to this message see MOSCOW's No. 5264 (internal) of 30th August 1940.

[v] BARCH: Possibly Simon Davidovich KHEMER, whose official post was Secretary to the Soviet Military Attaché in LONDON. He was appointed in 1937 and is thought to have left in 1946. The covername BARCH occurs as a LONDON addressee and signatory between 3rd March 1940 and 10th October 1940, after which it is superseded by the covername PRION